

AMENDMENT

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In the Specification:

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Please amend the title to read:

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C5 --METHODS TO PREPARE ANTIBIOTICS USING MUTANT
SACCHAROPOLYSPORA ERYTHRAEA HOST CELLS SUPPLIED WITH
MACROLACTONES--

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 4-7, after "CROSS REFERENCE TO
RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following:

C1 This application is a divisional of US Serial No. 09/434,289 now U.S. patent 6,261,816,
which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/896,323, filed 17 July 1997 and now U.S. Patent
6,066,721 which is a continuation-in-part of US Serial No. 08/675,817 filed 5 July 1996 now
U.S. Patent 6,080,555, which claims priority under 35 USC 119(e)(1) from provisional
application serial number 60/003,338 filed 6 July 1995. The contents of these applications are
incorporated herein by reference.

In the Claims:

Please replace the presently pending claims with the following claims:

C2 19. (Amended) A method to prepare an antibiotic which method comprises adding a
heterologous and recombinantly produced macrolactone polyketide other than
6-deoxyethronolide B (6-dEB) to the culture medium of *Saccharopolyspora erythraea*;
culturing said *S. erythraea* in said medium so as to convert said macrolactone polyketide
into an antibiotic; and
extracting the antibiotic from the medium.

20. (Twice amended) The method of claim 19 wherein the *S. erythraea* is a mutant
that itself produces no macrolactone polyketide.